

## OUTREACH NOTICE



***Boise National Forest, Lowman, Emmett and/or Cascade Ranger Districts  
Forester (Silviculture), GS-0460-7/9***

The North Zone of the Boise National Forest is outreaching for up to three Forester (Silviculture) positions, GS-0460-7/9. Possible duty locations are Lowman, Cascade and Emmett, Idaho. Please indicate your location preferences(s) when responding to this outreach.

***Anyone interested in further information or in receiving a copy of the vacancy announcement when it opens is advised to contact the Forest Silviculturist, Ann Roseberry at 208-373-4171 or [aroseberry@fs.fed.us](mailto:aroseberry@fs.fed.us).***

PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for these positions and to establish the appropriate recruitment method, job series, and area of consideration for the advertisement. Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination. Please respond to this outreach by **February 22, 2015**. Interested individuals should complete the attached outreach response form. This ensures that you will receive notification when the vacancy announcement is posted on [www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com).

### THE POSITION

#### MAJOR DUTIES:

- Participates in the preparation of financial and work plans for assigned programs by estimating, combining, and coordinating project plans into an annual unit work plan. Reviews work accomplishments for assigned areas of responsibility and compiles necessary reports.
- Conducts examinations of timber compartments and stands on the unit and evaluates the conditions found. Makes or recommends basic land management decisions based on these evaluations. Makes silviculture prescriptions and action plans for TSI and reforestation work necessary to attain timber management objectives using aerial/digital photographs and on-the-ground observation and measurements.
- Makes plantation and natural regeneration survival examinations to determine that results meet accepted standards. Sets up checks and inspections to determine the effectiveness of cultural treatments. Makes recommendations to the Silviculturist/TMA on techniques, policies, and procedures to increase the effectiveness or improve the quality of treatments.
- Prepares multiple-use compartment prescriptions and environmental assessment reports based on field examination.
- May administer or supervise the administration of silvicultural contracts.

- Performs supervisory duties and responsibilities providing technical and administrative supervision to temporary employees.
- Able to work and hike in arduous conditions.
- Adheres to nondiscriminatory employment practices regarding race, color, national origin, age, disability; and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal; or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.

**The Lowman, Cascade, and Emmett Ranger Districts form the North Zone Silviculture Organization on the Boise National Forest.** Given the zone organization, the incumbents will be expected, for the GS-7 to work with some supervision and the GS-9 to have the ability to work independently with minimal supervision. In addition, depending upon workload priorities, the incumbent may be required to work off-district on a regular basis.

## **LOCATION AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**Lowman, Idaho**, located 75 miles north of the Idaho state capital in Boise, is a small mountain community situated along the South Fork of the Payette River. Recreation opportunities abound. Depending on the season, you may camp, hike, ride for miles on horseback, bike, motorcycle, or ATV on beautiful trails; fish, hunt, cross-country ski, or snowmobile. The South Fork of the Payette River is considered one of the premier kayaking and rafting waters in the country and the district shares borders with both the Sawtooth SNRA and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

There are approximately 200 year-round residents in the community with the population increasing in the summer months. There is a one-room elementary school for grades K-6. Grades 7-12 ride a bus 24 miles to a new school in Garden Valley. One non-denominational church is located in Lowman which conducts Sunday services year-round. Several community churches, including a Catholic church and an LDS church, are located in Garden Valley.

The Lowman Ambulance is staffed by local volunteer EMTs and is available 24 hours a day. The closest medical clinic is located in Garden Valley, which is staffed with an MD. There is also a local volunteer fire department that serves the Lowman community. Businesses located in Lowman include two motels, two cafes/restaurants, and two gas stations.

Government housing is available with this opportunity, although it may be limited to single family, commuter, and crew quarters. There are few private homes or mobile homes for sale or rent in the immediate vicinity, although there are numerous homes available in the nearby communities of Garden Valley and Crouch, approximately 24 miles from the District office.

**Cascade, Idaho**, is nestled in the mountains of central Idaho approximately 75 miles north of Boise on Highway 55. It is located in Long Valley between the North Fork of the Payette River (known for its world-class kayaking) and Cascade Lake. The Cascade Ranger District offers year-round outdoor sports and recreation opportunities for everyone.

There are approximately 1,000 year-round residents in Cascade. The Cascade School accommodates grades K-12. Several community churches offer services every Sunday including a Catholic church, Baptist church, non-denominational churches, and an LDS church. A small hospital is present in Cascade. Businesses located in Cascade include several motels and cafes/restaurants, three gas stations, a grocery store, one bank, and a credit union.

Government housing may be available with this opportunity, although it may be limited to single family, commuter, and crew quarters. There are several private homes or mobile homes for sale or rent in the immediate vicinity with prices varying considerably. For further information go to:

<http://cascadechamber.com/>

**Emmett, Idaho** is a full service community located in Southwest Idaho along the Payette River at the junction of Idaho Highways 16 and 52. The city has a population of about 6,400 and is the county seat of Gem County (population 16,000). Other small communities in Gem County are Letha, Sweet and Ola. Boise, in Ada County, is about 25 miles southeast of Emmett.

**CLIMATE:** With an elevation of 2,373 feet, Emmett enjoys a four-season climate. Average July maximum temperature is 95 F, and January's average low is 16 F. Average annual precipitation is 13.26 inches. The elevation of Gem county ranges from 2,260 feet to 7,865 feet, with cooler summers and snowy winter weather at the higher elevations.

**HOUSING:** Some rentals are available in Emmett. The real estate market is active with many older and newer houses for sale as well as vacant land from city size lots to large acreages available. A full range of housing choices is also available in the Greater Boise area (although applicants are encouraged to reside in, and become part of, the local community).

**SHOPPING, SERVICES AND ENTERTAINMENT:** Emmett has a full range of shopping, business, medical, and professional services. Emmett also has a full service hospital, nursing and residential care facilities, hospice, a public library offering computer services, adult and child day care facilities, service clubs and an active senior citizen's center. Public protection is provided by a city police department, a county sheriff's department, and city and county fire departments.

Utilities that serve the city are the Idaho Power and Light, Intermountain Gas, and Qwest Telecommunications. There are several local internet access providers. Television and radio service is also available. There is a local weekly newspaper, and two regional newspapers offering daily delivery to the area.

Emmett has a local movie theater and an active community theater group offering several plays a year. There are several annual organized events such as the Cherry Festival, Cruise Night, Quarter Horse Racing, Gem County Fair, and the Harvest Festival.

There are several local parks for picnicking, fishing and river recreation, and the Gem County Cycle Park for off road vehicle sport. Firebird Raceway is located just south of Emmett toward Boise on Highway 16.

The Treasure Valley communities of Boise, Meridian, Eagle, Nampa, Caldwell and Ontario (Oregon) offer much in the way of expanded entertainment and shopping opportunities. Boise has a major airport offering commercial jet service. The Treasure Valley is located approximately 25-30 miles from Emmett.

**SCHOOLS:** A variety of pre-schools and day-care centers are available in addition to the elementary, junior and senior high schools. Boise State University, Albertson College, Northwest Nazarene University, and Treasure Valley Community College are located in the nearby Treasure Valley, within commuting distance of Emmett.

**CHURCHES:** There are 29 active churches in Gem County.

**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**  
**North Zone of the Boise National Forest**

**Please respond by February 22, 2015.**

If you are interested in applying for this position and want to receive updates of the position's status, please complete the attached outreach form and send electronically to [aroseberry@fs.fed.us](mailto:aroseberry@fs.fed.us):

I am interested in the following position:

Position Title/Series/Grade: Forester (Silviculture) GS-0460-7/9

Location: Region 4, Boise National Forest-North Zone, Lowman, Emmett, and/or Cascade, Idaho

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes:

Current title/series/grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Current agency and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Appointment:

Permanent \_\_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible for an appointment under any of the following special authorities:

Person with Disabilities	_____	Veterans Recruitment Act	_____
Former Peace Corps	_____	Disabled veteran w/30%	_____
Volunteer	_____	Compensable Disability	_____
Pathways Intern Indefinite	_____	Veterans Employment	_____
Other:	_____	Opportunities Act of 1988	_____

Brief description of experience: